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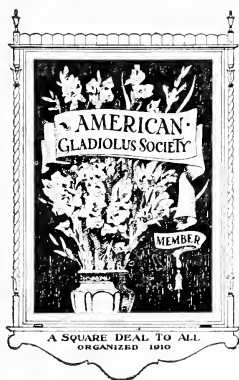
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New, Rare and Standard
Varieties of

GLADIOLUS



AS GROWN BY

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Foreword



In presenting this descriptive folder and price list, I confess my vocabulary insufficient to properly describe the flowers herein listed, so, as a rule, I have used the description given by the originator of each variety.

I am growing and offer for sale, only such varieties as I have tested out during the past fifteen years and found them worthy of a place in the best flower gardens.

It is hardly necessary to say that the *Gladiolus* has become the most popular of all summer flowers, comprising, as it does, the widest range of colors and combinations of colors. The fact that, as a cut flower, it keeps well until the last bud is open, places it at the head of the list of annual flowers, and we would hardly consider a flower garden complete without at least a few Glads, growing therein.

Having retired from active service in the architectural field, I now "tire" in the Glad field, and have a large stock of seedlings I wish to propagate and bring to perfection; many of which seem very promising and will be introduced as soon as a sufficient stock is acquired; only two of which I will list this season.

The most of the balance of my stock I herewith list at a very low price for fall delivery, as I shall be unable to give it my personal attention, as in the past, and do justice to my new creations.

My stock is first class in every respect, and I will make glad customers with every order, which will be accompanied with full directions for its care.

All bulbs will be packed frost-proof and delivered free in the U. S. providing the order amounts to \$1.00 or more; to foreign countries add five percent and give number of permit.

I use every precaution to have my stock true to name and will replace free, any of which prove otherwise.

All orders will be filled in rotation, subject to previous sales, and no substitutions made without the consent of the purchaser. In case of inability from any cause to fill orders, the purchaser's money will be returned.

Parties wanting large orders, planting stock or bulb-lets, should write for just what they want, as a liberal discount will be given on such orders.

Prices herein given are for blooming size bulbs, usually one and one fourth inches or more in diameter. Six bulbs of one variety at dozen rate. One hundred at seven times dozen price.

My stock in some varieties is limited, so it is important that you get your order in early to avoid disappointment, and be sure to write your name and address plainly.

TERMS:—Cash with order. Please remit by bank draft, postoffice order or certified check. Twenty-five percent will hold orders until spring. For orders less than one dollar, add fifteen cents for postage and packing. Unused U. S. two cent stamps will be acceptable up to one dollar.

Two Beautiful New Glads



Several years ago I was growing a pink and white Glad, that was very popular with the florists. But this Glad had one serious fault, it would lie down and turn its nose skyward, which made an awkward spike to handle, although the flower was delicate and lovely. So I sought to breed one with a straight stiff spike of about the same color, that would fill the demand of the florists. By crossing and recrossing I finally accomplished the ideal sought for, and now have the pleasure of presenting to my customers the result of about six years of careful study and labor in hybridizing, and am pleased to introduce my first love,

Mrs. C. C. Thayer

The general color of this new creation is creamy white and pink. The upper petals are nearly white edged with carmine flecking. The lower petals have yellowish ground overlaid with a beautiful carmine plume and are also flecked with carmine on outer edge. The florets are four to four and a half inches in diameter, twenty or more to the spike and well placed. The spikes sometimes throw out side branches with four to eight florets on each, making as high as thirty to thirty five blooms to the spike. Four to eight open at a time, of good substance and keep well when cut. The spikes under good cultivation stand four to four and a half feet in height, straight and upright, but not thick and clumsy and are good producers of large, vigorous bulblets.

As the demand for the flowers of this variety during the past two or three years has been more than I could fill, I predict a large sale for the bulbs as soon as it is well known. I can only offer a limited number of blooming size bulbs for sale this season, but can spare several thousand bulblets to those desiring to accumulate a stock. Price each, \$5.00. Bulblets per dozen, \$2.00. Three blooming size bulbs and one dozen bulblets \$15.00. Not more than three bulbs to a customer.

The Gladiolus Tree

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“Well, are you going to make a shade tree of that Glad?” Yes, he had some reason for that remark, when he saw for the first time the new Gladiolus—

Lena Hulse

which stood more than five feet high and bearing forty-five buds and blossoms. This giant Glad threw up one spike this season over five feet high with twenty-two florets on the main spike and three side branches with six to eight on each.

The color is scarlet red. The lower petals have a rich yellow blotch, overlaid with a beautiful spectrum red plume. Florets four to four and a half inches in diameter with twenty or more well placed on the main spike, five to seven open at a time. The spike is usually four to four and a half feet high, straight and stiff with heavy foliage, is a good multiplier, producing many strong vigorous bulblets. Very prominent in the garden and much admired by all visitors. Price each, \$3.00, bulblets per dozen, \$1.25. Three blooming size bulbs and two dozen bulblets, \$10.00.

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ADELINE KENT: Delicate light rose pink, heavily ruffled from edge to center. Orchid coloring, ranging from flesh to new rose on the outer edges. Throat straw color with ruby dashes. This is one of the most beautiful ruffled Glads in existence. Flowers are medium size and appear on stiff spikes three feet high, six to eight open at once. Dozen, \$2.00.

ALBANIA: This is doubtless the most pleasing white on the market today. The color is of the purest glistening white, though occasionally a faint showing of pink is seen on some of the petals. The flowers are wide open, petals broad with well rounded tips slightly ruffled. Five flowers open at a time borne on tall stiff spikes, fifteen to eighteen florets to the spike. A good producer of large vigorous bulblets. Dozen, 75c.

ALICE TIPLADY: A grand, large primulinus of most beautiful orange saffron color. Very heavy dark green foliage. Bulblets very numerous. Usually two to five spikes from each bulb. Dozen, 20c.

BYRON J. HULOT: Rich, dark violet purple, the best of its color, strikingly beautiful in combination with cream or yellow varieties. Dozen, 50c.

BLACK BIRD: Tall Lemoinei type, very dark red, lower petals almost black. Dozen, 20c.

BYRON L. SMITH: One of the very best lavender pink, very refined and delicate, color equal to a cattleya orchid. Dozen, 75c.

CRINKLES: Deep peach-blossom pink. Intensely ruffled. Many flowers open at a time. This is one of the most beautiful ruffled varieties. Each, 25c.

DIANA: A fine dark scarlet, rather similar to Crimson Glow with less white in the throat. Dozen, 75c.

DR. F. E. BENNETT: Deep flame scarlet. Flowers of the largest size with many open at once. This variety stands at the head of the red varieties; it stands the sun and rain well and is a good multiplier. Each, 50c.

EARLY SNOW FLAKE: A tall growing variety, rich creamy white in color, delicately tinted with rose with a tinge of yellow in the throat. Dozen, 25c.

ELORA: One of Burbanks originations. White slightly flushed with pink. Throat sulphur yellow with small earmine plume, large flower, four to six open at a time. Each, 10c.

E. J. SHAYLOR: Ruffled deep rose, five to seven open at once. Each, 10c.

ELIZABETH TABOR: The earliese bloomer. Delicate rose pink on white ground, lower petals having a rich dark crimson blotch. Each, 25c.

EUROPA: By many considered the purest white. Tall straight spike with flowers well set, many open at a time. Dozen, 25c.

ELIZABETH GERBERDING: Lavender rose pink, ruffled, speckled center of ruby and yellow. Spikes large and full four feet high. Each, 5c.

EVELYN KIRTLAND: Large, wide open lily-like flowers with reflex petals of light rose darker at edge fading to shell pink at center with brilliant scarlet blotch. Dozen, \$1.00.

FIRY KNIGHT: Pure vermillion. Early, a great favorite of visitors. Each, 10c.

FLORA: Golden yellow in color, a shade lighter than Golden Measure, large open flower, many open at a time. Dozen, 25c.

GENESEE: Large pale yellow Primulinus Grandiflorus. Each, 10c.

GOLD: Naphthelene yellow, shading to barium yellow, a fine clear self color. Each, 15c.

GOLD DROP: An extra large prim of deep yellow color with a beautiful redline on petals. Tall wiry spike. Dozen, 20c.

GOLDEN SWALLOW: Clear soft yellow petals finely ruffled. Each, 25c.

GOLDEN GLORY: A large richly colored yellow with a beautiful red throat. Tall strong spike, many flowers open at once, ruffled petals. Dozen, 40c.

GOLDEN MEASURE: Stately, deep soft yellow, large open flowers, eight to ten open at once. Considered the best yellow. Dozen, \$1.50.

HERADA: Deep mauve, six to eight open at a time. Dozen, 50c.

KUNDERDH GLORY: A beautiful creamy apricot with pinkish tint on outer edge of petals, with fine red penciling in the throat. Heavily ruffled. Dozen, 50c.

LACINATUS: Dark rose pink, small flower with lacinated petals; a great multiplier, very novel and fine for table bouquet. Each, \$1.00.

LENA HULSE: See description on page 3. Each, \$3.00.

LOUISE: Fine lavender with wine colored plume. Dozen, 50c.

LILY-WHITE: Creamy white shading to cream in the throat with slight magenta markings deep in the throat. Dozen, 25c.

MARY PICKFORD: White, lower petals suffused with primrose in throat, many open at once. Dozen, 25c.

MRS. C. C. THAYER: See description on page two. Each, \$5.00.

MRS. LEON DOUGLAS: Begonia rose striped brilliant scarlet. Very showy. Each, 25c.

MRS. DR. NORTON: Fine cream and pink. Very delicate. Flowers large with many open at a time. Dozen, 75c.

MRS. FRANCIS KING: Light scarlet of pleasing shade, large wide open flowers on tall straight spike, many open at once. Dozen, 2 c.

MONMOUTH: Clear deep rose pink, lasting well when cut. Dozen, 25c.

MISS HELEN FRANKLIN: Clear white, ruffled, carmine plume. Dozen, 25c.

MR. MARK: Violet shades approaching a light blue with a dark blotch on lower petals. Dozens, 25c.

- MONA LISA: Soft shell pink, highly ruffled. Each, 15c.
- MYRA: Orange pink to rose doree, throat empire yellow with a feather of nople red. Dozen, 15c.
- NEOGA: Rich dark 'garnet red, very durable and lasting. Dozen, 50c.
- NIAGARA: Cream blending to canary on lower petals, neatly penciled carmine. Dozen, 25c.
- PINK PERFECTION: Pure bright pink with carmine plume, very showy. Dozen, \$1.00.
- PINK WONDER: Cameo pink to pale rose pink, very large flowers, tall spike. Dozen, 75c.
- PROPHETESSE: A good white. Each, 05c.
- PRINCE OF INDIA: Rose gray, penciled white and rose. Each, 15c.
- POMONA: Graceful early prim. of deep rose color penciled deeper tone. Dozen, 50c.
- ROMANCE: A cheerful Glad. Orange red with red and yellow throat and wine blue bordered petals. Dozen, \$1.50.
- ROSE ASH: Corinthian red shading into ashes or roses on outer edges, lower petals light yellow speckled with ruby. Dozen, \$1.00.
- ROEM VAN KENNERMERLAND: Rose pink with cream blotch, large and showy. Dozen, 40c.
- SCARLET WONDER: Mammoth pure deep scarlet. Very showy. Each, 30c.
- SENTINEL: Rose pink. Dozen, 25c.
- SHIELA: Light salmon pink, purple penciling. Early Dozen, 25c.
- SULPHUR GLOW: Light shade of sulphur yellow with red blotch. Ruffled. Dozen, 40c.
- TYCKO ZANG: A beautiful shade of salmon pink, has nearly white throat faintly dotted with cerise, large flowers, well placed on straight spike, many open at a time, usually two to four spikes to the bulb. Each, \$1.,
- VIOLET BEAUTY: Tall, large cerise violet with red throat blotch. Dozen, 50c.
- W. E. FRYER: Mallow purple overlaid with rhodamine purple, shading to aster purple, throat blotched yellow. Very rich. Each, 10c.

WHITE GLORY: Good ruffled white with iris blue plume in throat. Dozen, 75c.

WHITE WONDER: Almost pure white, faintly flaked rose pink. Very popular. Dozen, \$1.00.

WILBRINK: Very early pale pink with amaranth purple blotch over yellowish ground on lower petals. Each, 15c.

W. H. PHIPPS: Lafrancese pink overlaid with light rose salmon, lighter towards the center. Very large flowers, many open at a time. A great multiplier. Each, \$1.00.

YELLOW TREASURE: Deep yellow, very prettily ruffled, fine for table bouquets. Dozen, 25c.

MIXTURES: There are made up of some of the finer varieties that have been accidentally mixed together with unnamed seedlings. These will produce a bed of flowers that any one will be proud of and you will be anxious to go out every morning to see the new faces, all sparkled with dew, opened up to the morning sun. Why not give the children a few of these mixed flowers and install in their young hearts a love for the refined and beautiful? I'm sure the grownups will watch the opening buds with as much interest as the children, as it is always a question of what color the next one will be. Dozen, 25c.

MIXTURE No. 2: This consists of Kunderdii Glory and Mrs. Francis King that became accidentally mixed. Dozen, 20c. \$1.50 per hundred.

NOTE: Do not think that these low prices indicate cheap stock. The fact is, I must dispose of the bulk of it in order to give my undivided attention to my seedlings which are rapidly coming to the front, and I shall give my customers more than full value for their money.

Yours for a brighter and better world,

C. C. Thayer